

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Atty. Dkt. No.: 5362-000446

## DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### HARD-TOP CONVERTIBLE ROOF SYSTEM

the specification of which (check one)

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
or  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby appoint each practitioner at Customer No. 27572 (  ) of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

## CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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**PATENT**

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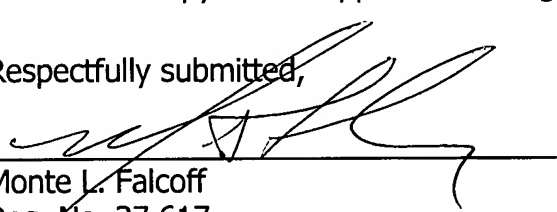
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Sir:

Applicant's attorney is submitting herewith a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney which was filed in the parent to this application in response to a "Notice to File Missing Parts". A copy of the unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent to this application is attached to the copy of the application being submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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ONE SUNROOF CENTER  
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FILING DATE: 08/15/2001

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# ASSIGNMENT

Atty. Docket No. 5362-000446

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to collectively as Assignor, has invented:

## HARD-TOP CONVERTIBLE ROOF SYSTEM

for which Assignor is about to make or has made United States or International application for patent

- (a) ☐ executed on even date preparatory to filing (each inventor should sign this Assignment on the same day as he/she signs the Declaration and Power of Attorney);
- (b) ☐ executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; or
- (c) ☒ filed on August 15, 2001, and assigned Serial No. 09/930,739 or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_;
- (d) ☐ U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, ASC Incorporated, a Michigan corporation, having a place of business at One Sunroof Center, Southgate, Michigan 48195, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States, the Paris Convention, and any foreign countries, to the said invention as described in the aforesaid application, said application for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, and the right to recover for past infringements of, or liabilities for, any of the rights relating to any of said applications or patents resulting therefrom;

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of any applications of any type for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries including, but not limited to, any provisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue, re-examination, or extension thereof, and for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title and to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefor, and to testify in support thereof, for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth;

Assignor hereby covenants that no assignment, sale or agreement or encumbrance has been or will be entered into which would conflict with this Assignment; and

Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee, and requests that any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue or grant patents and applications as aforesaid, to issue said Letters Patent, Utility Model Registration or Inventor's Certificate to Assignee.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests my attorney to insert here in parentheses (Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

# ASSIGNMENT

Attorney Docket No. 5362-000446  
Serial No. 09/930,739

Michael T. Willard  
Michael T. Willard

State of MICHIGAN )  
 ) ss.  
County of WAYNE )

On this 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2001, before me personally appeared the foregoing individuals, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Gail M. Powell  
Notary Public,

(seal)

Wayne County, State of Michigan

My Commission Expires: 12-21-2004

GAIL M. POWELL  
NOTARY PUBLIC WAYNE CO., MI  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC 21, 2004